

Talbot County Women's Club
18 Talbot Lane
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-11
C1800-1805
and Later

When it was constructed, C1793-1794, the Talbot County Women's Club was a brick dwelling on the edge of the new town of Easton. The two-and-a-half story building is rather restrained in design with a plain, almost austere, facade of beautiful orange Flemish bond brick. Set beside and somewhat in front of the brick house is a one-and-a-half story frame wing with beaded siding, and a steep gable roof with dormers.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

Town of Easton

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Talbot County Women's Club

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

18 Talbot Lane

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☒ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER Private Club

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Talbot County Women's Club

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Mrs. Henry Spies

Talbot Lane

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 29, 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21601

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPDSO		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Talbot County Women's Club has its headquarters in a fine, free-standing Federal period structure, one of Easton's best preserved buildings. The old dwelling is located east and south of the Talbot County Court House in a residential neighborhood which developed in the mid to late nineteenth century.

The earliest portions of the house is situated very near the street. The three bay two-and-a-half story brick portion appears to be the earlier. Set to the south side, forward of the brick building is a one-and-a-half story frame wing covered by a steep gable roof. Later wings of frame have been constructed at the rear.

The brick main house is plain, even austere, but beautifully detailed. The Flemish bond brick facade is of perfectly formed light orange brick. The mortar joints are narrow.

Window openings, except in the basement are limited to the front and rear facades and there they are evenly spaced on both floors. Early nine over six sashes have survived as have the narrow beaded window frames. Shutters with wide louvers are used. The main entrance in the southern bay retains its original paneled jamb and transom light. The architrave and pilasters, however, were installed in 1945 after a design by Roy Robinson, a Wilmington, Delaware architect. At that time, a one bay entrance porch with a crossed stick balustrade was removed; the porch appeared to date from late in the nineteenth century.

Typical of Federal period buildings, the house has no belt course or water table. Ornamental features are restricted to the cornice, which is of the box type with very simple crown and bed moldings, and rubbed brick flat arches above window openings. There is also a straight sided exterior chimney rising against the north wall; its upper portion has been rebuilt. Gables have beaded and tapered verge boards.

The basement is unusually interesting. Entered by a cellar door at the rear of the building, there is a basement fireplace of medium size. Windows on all four exterior brick walls once lit the basement. Their beaded frames and wooden grilles are still in place.

Two gable dormers pierce the western roof slope; they have six over six window sashes and openings flanked with flat, unmolded pilasters. The roof is finished with a cornice and return.

The position of the frame wing is unusual and probably was chosen to allow space for a window in the north wall near the main entrance. The wing is three bays wide with twelve over nine sash windows whose frames are beaded and edged with a quarter round backbond molding. The cornice is of the box type, but quite shallow with quirked flattened crown and bed moldings.

Like the main house dormers are of the gable type with cornice and return and flat pilasters. Basement windows are beaded and enclosed with a wooden grille. This wing also has an exterior brick chimney at the center of the south wall. The wing was originally sheathed with beaded siding, now covered with aluminum.

To the rear of the structure are two frame wings set, in effect back to back, one behind the old frame wing and one behind the brick main house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☒ 1700-1799
☐ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES C1800-1805 and Later

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A representative of Easton's outstanding Federal period, the Talbot County Women's Club building is significant for its architecture and its fine detailing. Its brick work is among the town's best, indeed the building is one of Easton's best preserved early structures. The placement of the major frame wing is unusual; however, the original form was probably typical of early buildings - main block with rear ell.

The Talbot County Womens Club acquired their present Club House in 1946 from Nora W. White for \$4000.00. She was one of the heirs of William T. Wright. Mr. Wright had bought the house and adjoining lots from Mowdecai Dawson and his wife Deborah in 1891. During this time he sold the adjoining lots so that the Womens Club property is now reduced to the lot and house facing on Talbot Lane. Dawson had bought three lots from Joseph R. Price for \$4000.00.

James Price was the builder of this house. He bought this and other lots in 1792 for £ 100..and chose this land on which to build his home. James Price was Register of Wills until 1843 and served in other municipal offices as well. His was the strength of integrity that gave such character to the beginnings of Easton town.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.
Research of Talbot County Women's Club.
HABS, photograph, C1930.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

November 15, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

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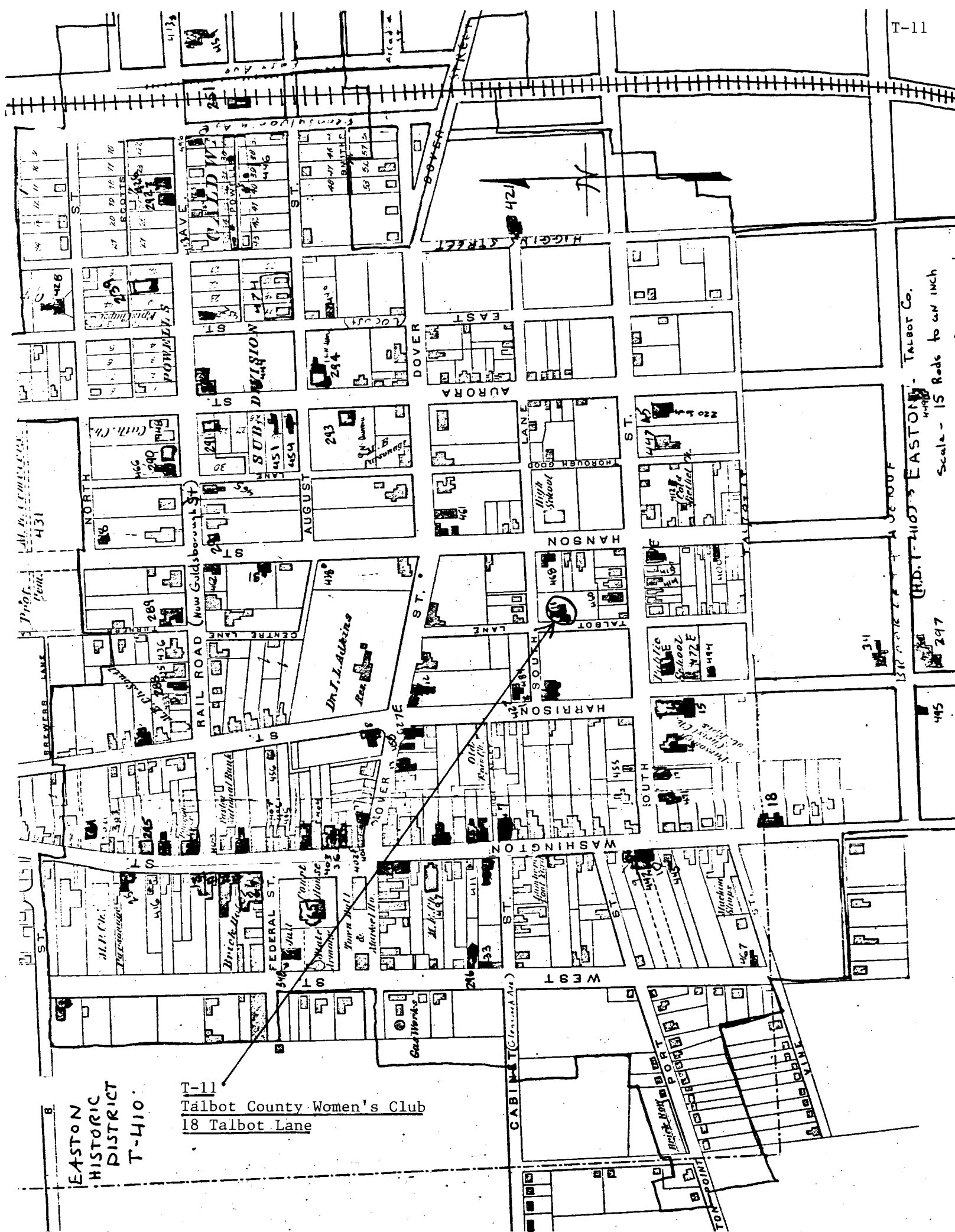
Research by Women's Club historian suggest the south wing was constructed C1868; if so interior trim was selected to resemble that found in the frame wing. A second entrance is situated between the wings. This door leads to a small entrance hall with a simple Federal type corner stair. A dormer in the roof covering the entrance area roof resembles those in the frame wing.

Interior trim is very well preserved with the same restrained quality found in the design of the interior of the Talbot County Historical Society Building (T-32, 27 South Washington Street).

<p>1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. Talbot Lane</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Talbot County Women's PRESENT USE Clubhouse Club WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish bond brick NO. OF STORIES 2½ and 1½ addition</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME T-11</p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD c. 1790-95 STYLE Colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>	
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This is a rather attractive brick colonial house with a steeply pitched A-roof. It is three bays wide and 2 bays deep. The door is on the right with an overlight. All of the windows are 9/6. They all have flat arches of stretchers and flat wooden sills. There are 2 6/6 peaked dormers on the roof. The left wall is solid brick with no windows. The unusual feature is that the brick chimney on this end of the house is an exterior one. It is a large solid brick chimney built against the wall.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">To the right and slightly to the front of this brick house is a one and a half storey beaded clapboard structure 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep. This wing has 9/6 windows and two 6/6 dormers on the roof. There is an exterior brick chimney on the right end of this house which is set against a square panel of brick set in the wall.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This house, both the brick and frame parts, is a very attractive one. It is very plain, almost severe, in its lack of decoration and has a very formal dignified quality.</p>			
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior excellent</p>			
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p></p>		<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>	
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>		<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul A. Brinkman</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD August 29, 1967</p>	

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DISTRICT
T-410**

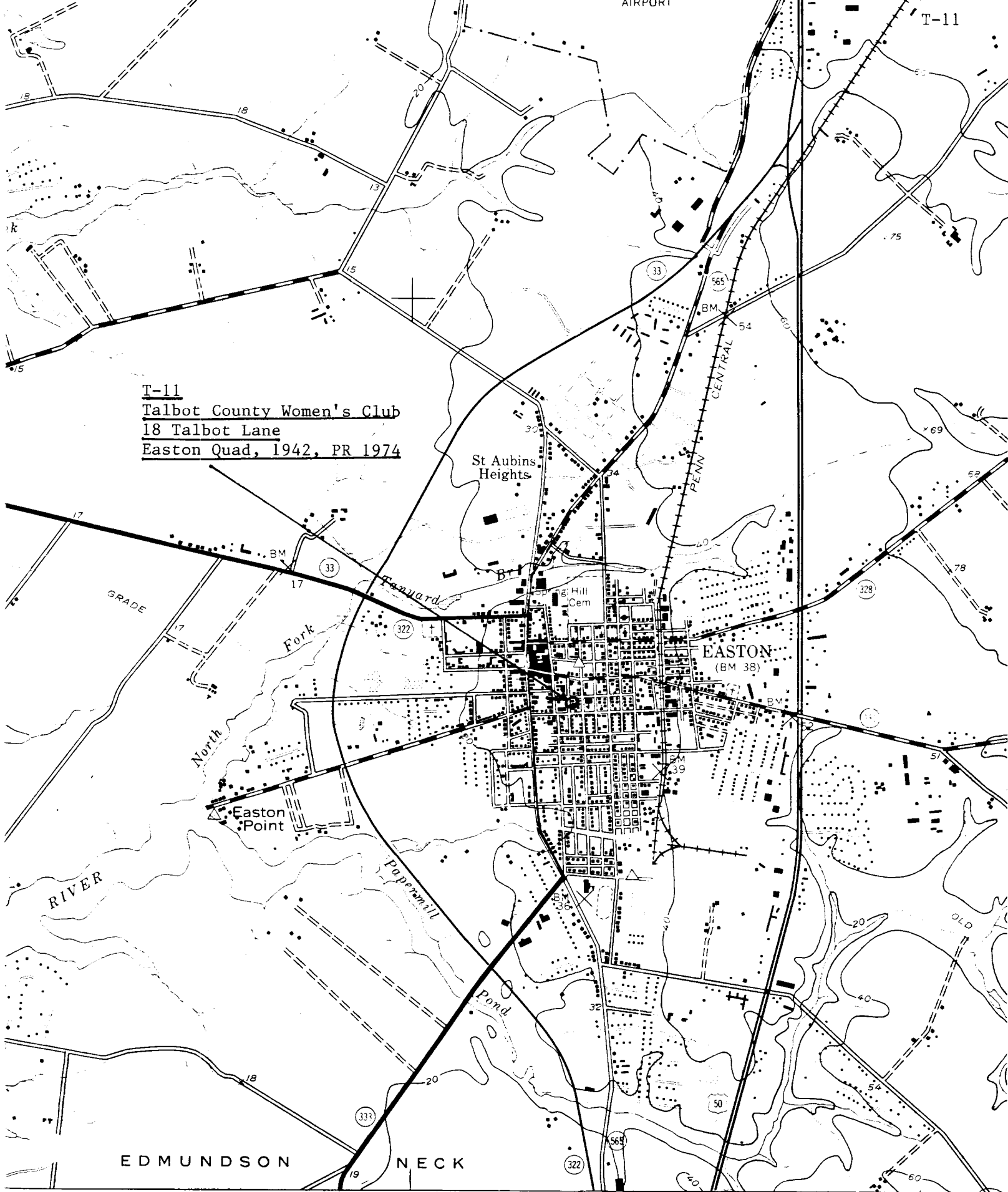
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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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EASTON
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Heights

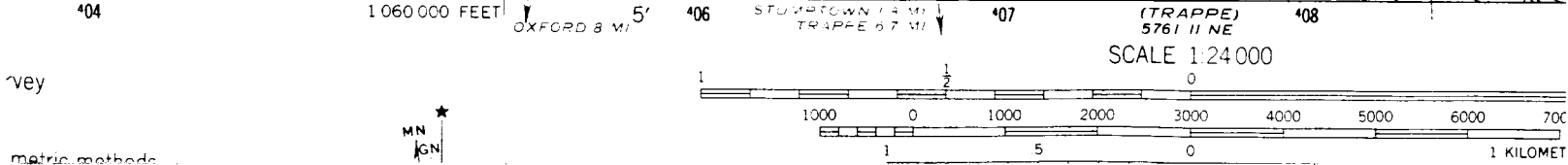
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Easton
Point

RIVER

Papemill
pond

OLD





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TALBOT CASE

EASTON, M.D

8/76

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VIEW TO SW

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